



"They make shrewd plans against Your people, and conspire together against Your treasured ones." — Ps. 83:3 (NASB'95)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA November the 10th, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Tenth Day of November, in the Year of our Lord 2024

-ONE-IS YOUR-MASTER-AND-ALL-YE-ARE-BRETHREN-

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

In our examination of Church History, we examine some exemplary leaders of the past whose testimony still shines brightly to this very day.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship: "Grace Greater than our Sin" (#38; chorus only)."

Invocation.*

Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King" (#54).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Ps. 83:I-5; I3-I8.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: "O Worship the King" (#60).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: "O God, our Help in Ages Past" (#48).

Dismissal for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: "MORE SCRIPTURES THAT TODAY'S ELITES ABHOR."

Closing Hymn:* "Like a River Glorious" (#47).

Benediction.*

*Please stand, if able.



Week of Nov. 3 – Nov. 9

Sunday School—4; Morning Worship—I5; Midweek—4; Offering—\$948.31

Video (Facebook, Rumble, YouTube): "II Scriptures, pt. 3"—25 views; "II Scriptures, pt. 4"—38 views; "II Scriptures, pt. 5"—33 views

IN THE EMPIRE STATE, A PET SQUIRREL IS EXECUTED... BUT MURDERERS ARE ALLOWED TO LIVE!

What IS the proper function of secular Government, before God? by Pastor Terry L. Reese, 10/10/24

"...the magistrate is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, you may well be alarmed; a magistrate does not wield the power of the sword for nothing, he is God's servant for the infliction of divine vengeance upon evil-doers."—Rom. 13:4 (Moffatt NT)

On Nov. 1, officers of NY State's Department of Environmental Conservation conducted a 5-hour raid at the home of Mark Longo of rural Pine City, seizing Longo's pet of seven years—"Peanut" the Squirrel—whom they promptly euthanized after Peanut bit one of the agents.

"Peanut" Peanut—who had been rescued by Longo as a baby after his mother was hit by a car and who was unable to survive in the wild on his own—was a popular internet celebrity on *Instagram* due to his playful and amusing antics (with half-a-million followers on the social media platform!). However, because Longo did not have a "license" to keep wildlife, the home was raided, with the homeowner & his wife being subject to various indignities. Longo's wife, a woman of German descent, was questioned about her immigration status, while Longo was denied bathroom privileges, barring police escort. Also euthanized was a pet raccoon, Fred.

It is interesting to note that the same NY State that executed Peanut has not executed an actual *murderer* since 1963, when Eddie Lee Mays, who robbed and killed a young woman in East Harlem, was sent to "the chair" at Sing Sing. In fact, execution has been deemed "unconstitutional" in the Empire State since 2004.

This is the sort of travesty that occurs when a disordered society refuses to acknowledge God's *chief purpose* in ordaining the institution of human secular government: namely, to protect mankind from suffering under the sort of lawlessness that prevailed before the Flood (Gen. 4:23-24; 6:13) by establishing LAW & ORDER (Rom. 13:4, 1Pet. 2:13-14)—which includes a universally mandated *capital punishment* (Gen. 9:5-6)! God demands that civil magistrates enforce this decree because 1) capital punishment is the only *just & appropriately proportional punishment*, and 2), it serves as an *effective deterrent* (Deut. 13:11, 21:21). Yet, today's "humane" and "enlightened" hyperregulatory state wants to do *everything* (e.g., hunt down pet squirrels)—<u>EXCEPT</u> what God has *explicitly commanded it to do:* namely, *execute murderers!*

Update from Pastor Salomon Zambo (11/01/24)



The Lord has blessed us again with new ministries, new families at Mfomakap GBC, and 2 new students in Bikoko. Also, the Lord has added new saints in our Ebolowa church. Mary has stopped teaching and now is learning pharmacy from Dr Sylviane. She has been

helping during our Medical outreach in the Pharmacy department. We pray that our children Peter and Elizabeth will commit to joining the Medical Outreach and will have a good income to be able to assist their parents and their future



families. Peter is doing well in medical school and now is in his last year of Clinic. Pray for provision and also for the success in his final examination that shall enable him to write his thesis next year! Pray for Keith David to find a job, and be able to develop his fish farm! May each of our 5 kids find godly partners for the glory of God!

Prayer Requests

- For good health
- School provision for all kids and saints
- Pray for Mary to be able to understand her studies and become a good help more than ever for the Medical Outreach. Pray also for the various opportunities we have to start churches and train saints in Biblical Studies and for the Work of Evangelism.
- ➤ Pray for Practorium Funds to be once more available to continue the training next month. We wish to continue to support the practoriums in Chad for one more year at \$600 per month and in Yaounde at \$600 per month. These are places we have more than 120 students in total.
- Pray for protection and more Jobs opportunities for all saints!